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REPLY UNDER
37 CFR § 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of :)

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Serial No.: 10/802,682)

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For: **NOVEL ALCOHOL/ALDEHYDE
DEHYDROGENASES**)

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January 12, 2007

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before January 12,

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2007. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8th Ed., Rev. 5, Aug. 2006, pp. 700-261 to 700-262) respectfully is solicited.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS: begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 6 of this paper.